



Washington State Department of Early Learning

ECEAP POLICY MEMO 06-02

SUBJECT: RULES FOR MILITARY PAY IN DETERMINING ECEAP ELIGIBILITY

ECEAP guidelines for counting military pay in determining eligibility are in alignment with Head Start. Gross cash income is to be used to determine eligibility for both programs.

PAYMENTS COUNTED AS GROSS CASH INCOME*	PAYMENTS NOT COUNTED AS GROSS CASH INCOME
Basic Pay - Active duty, back wages, drills, reserve training, training duty, CONUS COLA.	Living Allowances – BAH (Basic Allowance for Housing), even if BAH is used to pay mortgage interest and taxes; BAS (Basic Allowance for Subsistence); housing and cost of living allowances abroad; OHA (Overseas Housing Allowance).
Special Pay - Aviation career incentives, diving duty, foreign duty, foreign language proficiency, hardship duty, hostile fire or imminent danger, medical and dental officers, nuclear-qualified officers, optometry, pharmacy, veterinarian.	Moving Allowances – Moving household and personal items, storage, moving trailers or mobile homes, temporary lodging, dislocation, military base realignment and closure benefit.
Bonuses - Career status, enlistment, officer, overseas extension, re-enlistment.	Travel Allowances – Annual roundtrip for dependent students, leave between consecutive overseas tours, reassignment in a dependent restricted status, transportation during ship overhaul and inactivation, per diem.
Incentive Pay - Submarine, flight, hazardous duty, High Altitude/Low Altitude (HALO).	Family Allowances – Specified educational expenses for dependents, emergencies, evacuation to a place of safety, separation.
	Death Allowances - Burial services, death gratuity payments to eligible survivors, travel of dependents to burial site.
	In-Kind Benefits – Dependent-care assistance, legal assistance, medical/dental care, commissary/exchange discounts, space-available travel on government carriers.
Other Payments - Accrued leave, high deployment per diem, personal money allowances paid to high-ranking officers, specified student loan repayment programs.	Other Payments – Disability, group-term life insurance, professional education, ROTC educational and subsistence allowances, uniform allowances, survivor and retirement protection plan premiums.

* No Military Payments are counted as gross cash income while member is in a designated tax-free combat zone.